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SUBJECT: SAFEGUARDS ARRANGEMENTS FOR "SAFARI" MATERIAL
IN U. K. FOR REPROCESSING

1. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SHIPMENT OF FUEL ELEMENTS FROM "SAFARI" RESEARCH REACTOR IN SOUTH AFRICA TO U. K. FOR REPROCESSING. SHIPMENT SAID TO BE IMMINENT, AND U. K. IS TRYING TO EXPEDITE RESOLUTION OF QUESTION RELATING TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON MATERIAL, SINCE IT IS SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS UNDER U. S./ IAEA/ SOUTH AFRICA TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS TRANSFER AGREEMENT.
2. ACCORDING TO U. K. RESREP, USAEC HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH U. K. AUTHORITIES ON MATTER, AND APPARENTLY SUGGESTED THAT MATERIAL BE COVERED UNDER U. K. / IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT (INFCIRC/175). U. K., HOWEVER, IS NOT IN POSITION TO PERMIT ACCESS BY IAEA INSPECTORS TO REPROCESSING PLANT, AND COMPOSITION OF MATERIAL IS SUCH THAT SUBSTITUTION U. K. PLUTONIUM WHICH IS ONLY UK MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR SUBSTITUTION IS NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS DOCUMENT (INFCIRC/66/ REV.2).
3. IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH AGENCY, LATTER RECALLED

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CASE IN PAST WHERE U. S. SUPPLIED MATERIAL IN DANISH RESEARCH REACTOR SUBJECT TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS UNDER U. S./ IAEA / DENMARK TRILATERAL WAS SENT TO U. K. FOR REPROCESSING, AND THAT PROCEDURE USED IN THIS INSTANCE WAS AGREEMENT AMONG PARTIES CONCERNED THAT MATERIAL, WHEN SHIPPED FROM DENMARK, WAS " DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN," I. E., U. S., AND TO REQUEST EXEMPTION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON PRODUCED MATERIAL, SINCE AMOUNT OF LATTER WAS BELOW ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION LIMITS. EFFECT WAS TO TERMINATE APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON MATERIAL, IN ACCORDANCE SECTION 14(B) OF U. S./ IAEA/ DENMARK TRILATERAL. AGENCY APPARENTLY WOULD BE WILLING ACCEPT SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT IN PRESENT CASE INVOLVING " SAFARI" FUEL ELEMENTS, ON ASSUMPTION AMOUNT OF PRODUCED MATERIAL IS BELOW EXEMPTION LIMIT.

4. MISSION ASSUMES U. S. WOULD ALSO BE WILLING ACCEPT THIS TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT. ADVISE. LABOWITZ

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